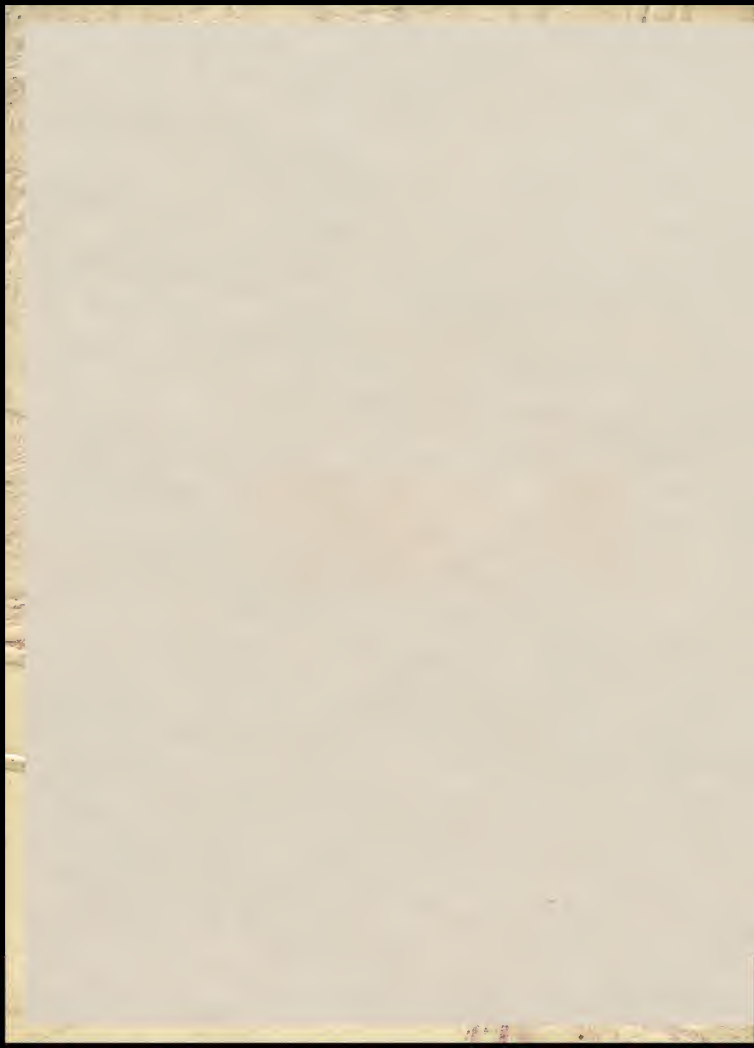




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**THE MERRILLVUE**



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*Long May It Stand*

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MERRILLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Crown Point, Indiana

## FOREWORD

We shall pass this way but once . . . .

Yes, this is our last record that we leave for you, our teachers, parents, and many friends. You have traveled along the roadway with us. We of the staff have but one wish, that our annual will bring a smile of satisfaction from our fellow seniors and a bit of enjoyment to the people who have made it possible for us to produce our book of memories.

Our thanks is not enough, but perhaps our future accomplishments in making the world of tomorrow a peaceful place in which to live, will be some recompense for the untiring effort put forth by those who have aided us, the class of '44.

Our book is far from complete. Many of our former instructors are scattered over the length and breadth of the land; many of our classmates are fighting on the battlefields of the world. As you glance through our book, won't you please think of these people, too?

We shall pass this way but once. . . . May the rest of the classes at Merrillville High School always enjoy the roadway that we have been so fortunate to have traveled, the roadway of American Life. We know that you will enjoy this road, too, if we all join together in keeping it clear, straight, and clean; whether we live, fight, or die for tomorrow's world.

We shall not pass this way again. . . . .

# We Point With Pride to



## MERRILLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Despite the shortages, priorities, and rationing systems which are part of war's necessary evils, this year more than ever before, our efforts to improve the interior of our school have met with almost unbelievable success.

Every month new books have been pouring into our library. Hundreds of dollars have been spent to make our Home Economics Department one of the finest in the region. New science courses with modern laboratory equipment of all sorts have increased the enrollment in this department to the very maximum. Lathes, tools, mechanical and electrical equipment of all sorts have been placed in the new Industrial Arts Rooms. We appreciate the cooperation that made it possible to add these educational facilities to Ross Township.

In the not too distant future, we hope to landscape the campus of our school in the manner sketched in the above picture by our artist. Today's reality is yesterday's dream. We know that the graduates of tomorrow will stand and say, too. . . .

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

## DEDICATION

We, the Seniors of '44 dedicate this book to our principal, Mr. Claude V. York. To be perfectly frank, the staff doesn't really know how to properly write an appropriate dedication to the man who has done more than anyone else in guiding our work and play during most of our school life.

It is always hard for young people to immediately benefit from the counsel of those more experienced in life. Youth is eager, daring, and quick to accept a worthwhile challenge. American young people have the faculty of great energetic vitality that is known throughout the world. So many times, those who have guided that spirit when it was being nourished, are forgotten as history records the lives of the successful youth of the nation.

To each one of us, however, as we go to make our lives from the individuals we are, there will be a constant reminder of a person who gave his utmost that we might someday benefit from his work.

We shall try not to disappoint you, Mr. York, you who have had so much faith in the character and achievement of the class of '44.

# Administration



*Principal*  
Claude V. York

Mr. Harry A. Holmes  
*Township Trustee*



Mr. Cecil A. Grayson  
*County Superintendent*



### THE CHALLENGE OF THE FUTURE

Students must continue to be students. They must analyze the ideas of the world. They must think them through so they will understand why they are wise or unwise. That is the democratic way and must be guided by pure motives if we are going to make democracy live.

The economic and social problems of our own country must be attacked with sincere motives because governments of today are given much responsibility in helping the economic and social welfare of its people.

This service must be the type which brings out the best effort on the part of each citizen.

Plainly, students, we see the personal and international interdependence. We must work for an organization that will bring order and justice to all people and all nations.

*Claude V. York*



# Faculty



ROSEMARY BOYD  
*Class Sponsor 1944*  
*Faculty Advisor "Merrillvue"*

## A MESSAGE TO OUR FACULTY

We live in a changing world where time and tide wait for no man. The seniors of '44 have witnessed the four most awakening changing years that this old world of ours has seen for a long, long time. From the day at Pearl Harbor when we were in our first year of high school until this spring of '44 when we took the offensive in the fight for right with a lasting peace, our mode of living has changed.

We could write about the freedoms we are fighting for and the beliefs that men are dying for. You have read them hundreds of times in black and white. You have seen them flashed before your eyes across the movie screens of a fighting nation. Did you ever stop to wonder just how these bits of paper and drops of ink have become the creed of every real American Boy and every true American Girl?

Our teachers are expected to ignite all the young inspirations in the nation to an ever-burning torch of human progress, and are expected to keep it glowing even brighter through the blackouts of a war torn world. Have we taken them too much for granted, these silent soldiers to whom such little credit is given?

That is why we take this page of our annual and write this simple message to you, our teachers at MHS. It is a poor exchange. You are part of the American Heritage that isn't played up in war or peace. Yet without you we could not go on.

You have taken the ink and paper and made them live within us. How this is done, nobody can understand or write about unless he has been an instructor. We, the class of '44 will dedicate ourselves to the task of making the exchange more fair than it appears. Thanks so very much, you will never know how much we mean it.

# Merrillville



**GEORGE BOETTNER**  
Carthage College A.B.  
Graduate Work Wisconsin U.  
Science



**ALINE CALLIS**  
Whitworth Jr. College A.A.  
Hanover College B.A.  
Chicago University  
Graduate Work  
Government and Economics  
8th Grade History



**DOROTHY CARLTON**  
Greenville College A.B.  
English and Social Studies



**EDWARD ENGELHART**  
Central Normal College B.S.  
Physical Education and Commerce



**HELEN KNOCKE**  
Iowa State Teachers B.A.  
Commerce



**DOROTHY KNOOP**  
Indiana University B.S.  
Home Economics



**CHARLOTTE McCLURE**  
Ball State Teachers College A.B.  
Library and English



# Faculty

## MEANS

University of Illinois B.S.  
University of Oregon  
Physical Education  
Safety



## MAX MICHAEL

Ball State Teachers College B.S.  
Industrial Arts



## MARTHA PATTERSON

University of Illinois B.S.  
Music Education  
Band



## GLADYS MILLER

Indiana State Teachers College A.B.  
English and Latin



## ANN PETERS

Mankato, Minnesota  
State Teachers College B.S.



## MONA WILSON

Purdue University B.S.  
Home Economics



## OLIVE WOOD

Indiana State Teachers College  
English and Arithmetic





MARJORIE REED  
*Editor-in-Chief*

### MESSAGE FROM OUR EDITOR

I find it difficult to express the value of the experience I have received these past few months working as editor of the 1944 annual.

It is my desire and the desire of each member of the production staff to leave these consolidated memories of 1944 in such a way that the year will hold favor in your eyes both now and in the future.

We leave this school soon to take our places in the nation, realizing that we hold the future of this nation in our hands. There is work to be done and you may count on our best.

In turn, our duties as upper classmen are left to the future seniors of Merrillville. We trust that you will execute them well.

Take this book, study it, enjoy it, and make your criticisms. When you have given your approval, we shall know that we have accomplished our task.

# Merrillbue Staff



FRANK WILLY  
*Ass't Ed.*



SHIRLEY STOCKWELL  
*Business Mgr.*



MARY RUTH TAYLOR  
*Feature Ed.*



GLENN LAUER  
*Literary Ed.*



BILL ADANK  
*Art Ed.*



FAYE ELLEN YAROS  
*Society Ed.*



DICK HENDERSON  
*Sports Ed.*



JOYCE HOCKETT  
*Picture Ed.*



DOUGLAS BENOIT  
*Ass't Picture Ed.*  
Eleven



BETH GABLE  
*Proof Reader*

## FOR THE SENIORS OF '44

Like the majestic mountains  
That soar to heights unknown,  
Like the life of the valley folk  
With the waving grain they've sown,  
Like the pure white glistening snow  
Which reflects the brilliant sun,  
So is the life of the senior now  
With the triumphs each has won.

A part are like the valley,  
So free content, and gay,  
Others resemble fields of grain  
And with silence, their homage pay.  
Still many have wont to sparkle  
In a hundred striking ways,  
As each looks for the entity  
In life that really pays.

Our own parents having striven  
To show us wrong from right,  
Our own teachers having given  
The challenge glowing bright,  
Our friends having borne with us  
The smiles, the sighs, the tears,  
Are thinking of tomorrow,  
The future of changing years.

A short time ago they wondered  
About this younger generation,  
Now they watch with pounding hearts  
As we fight for this, our nation.  
They gaze with deep and mystic awe  
As we march forward sure and bold,  
To buy the rights that must be bought  
With blood, not man-wrought gold.

Thus each of us has had to make  
A life decision of our own choice  
But be it valleys, mounts, or snowdrifts  
We will hear the Master's voice.  
"Let us therefore follow after  
The things which make for peace,"  
As we see the prayed for victory,  
When the booming cannons cease.

GLENNA LAUER

# Seniors



**NANCY KLEINSCHMIDT**  
Pres. Class 4; SSS 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4 (Sec.) Home Ec. Club 4; GAA 2, 3, 4; Mirror Staff 4; Sec. Class 2; Chorus 3, 4.



**ROBERT METCALF**  
Hi-Y 3, 4 (Sgt. at Arms); Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 4. V. Pres. Class 4.



**EAUNA BENEAKE**  
SSS 1, 2, 3, 4 (Treas.) GAA 1, 2, 3, 4 (Pres.) Home Ec. 4; Reporter Class 2; Sec. Class 4.



**EVELYN MAIHOFFER**  
SSS 1, 2, 3, (V. Pres.) 3; GAA 1, 3; Treas. Class 4; Pres. Home Ec. Club 4; Mirror Staff 4; Jr. Red Cross 4; Chorus 3, 4; Student Council 4.

## HISTORY OF CLASS OF '44

Mr. Webster has written that history is "the complete story of a record of events with comments and explanations." As for the comments, if everyone of us would remark about our own experiences for the past four years, I am afraid that we would have too many volumes to print. Yes, and giving an explanation would involve still more tales and accounts that many of you would find hard to believe!

Since all things must have a beginning and all must start from the bottom rung on the ladder of success, it is not a surprise to find that our smooth seniors were once bewildered, green "freshies." I took two sponsors to keep this energetic group of seventy-two under control. Mrs. Carlton and Mr. McAllister took this task upon themselves. Glen Herstine, Jack Ayers, Martin Lennertz and Paul Franco served on the executive board.

In no time at all, we progressed from inferior freshmen to the unexplored regions of the sophomore year. Jack Gable, Dick Henderson, Euna Beneake, and Nancy Kleinschmidt were the officers. Blue and Gray were chosen as class colors and special sweaters were bought by the class. Mr. Collins and Mr. Prokl were the advisors.

Time marched on and so did our class—right into our junior year. Jack Ayres, Richard Clark, Marian Lennertz and Eleanor Fossey were chosen as class officers. Mr. Irwin was the sponsor. Many of our class mates moved away, and a few joined the armed forces. The Junior play was "Miss Jimmy" and was produced to a capacity house by Miss Mary Tatman. The other outstanding event of the year was the annual Junior-Senior Prom which had the theme "Spring Time."

In September of 1943 the last election of officers was held and Nancy Kleinschmidt was elected as our very capable class president. The other officers were Robert Metcalf, Euna Beneake, and Evelyn Maihofer. The senior dance was held in the fall. The theme was western so we called the dance the "Dude Drag Inn." More people from other schools attended this affair than any dance ever given at Merrillville High School.

The senior play play was enjoyed by many people and the rest of the student body enjoyed the activity program that was presented. As the festivities came to a close we realized that May 18 had come so quickly that it didn't seem possible. History and the class of '44 will march ever onward.



## Seniors

**BILL ADANK**

Hi-Y 4; FFA 1, 2; Annual Staff 4.

**JACK AYRES**

Student Manager 4; Pres. Class 3; Student Council (Reporter); Hi-Y Treas. 3, 4; V. Pres. Class 1.

**FRANCES  
ALEXANDER**

4H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; SSS 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1.

**DORIS BALDNER**

Home Ec. Club 4; SSS 1; Jr. Red Cross 4; Chorus 2.

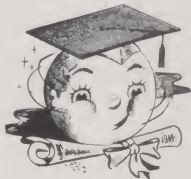


**LORNE BELCHER**

Eagle Scout.

**DOUGLAS BENOIT**

Annual Staff 4; Chorus 3, 4; Fort Wayne Seminary 1, 2.



**DONNA MAE BUSH**

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4; SSS 1, 2, 3; Home Ec. Club 3, 4; Mirror Staff 4.

**RICHARD CLARK**

Hi-Y 3, 4 (Chaplain); Student Council Pres. 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 (co-captain); Track 2; Prom King 3; V. Pres. Class 3.

**VIRGINIA  
CHRISTOFF**

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; SSS 1, 2; Jr. Red Cross 4; Home Ec. Club 3, 4.

**ELEANOR FOSSEY**

SSS 1, 2, 3, 4 (Pres.); GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; (Treas.); Mirror Staff 4; Chorus 3; Prom Queen 3; Student Council 4; Home Ec. 3, 4. (Vice-P. 3).



## Class of



# Seniors



BETH GABLE

Pres. Class 1 SSS 1-3, 4  
(Treas.) GAA 1 (Treas.)  
Home Ec. Club 3 (Treas.)  
Annual Staff 4; Sec. Treas.  
Red Cross 4; Student  
Council 1; D.A.R. Award 4.

RICHARD  
HENDERSON

Track 2, 3, 4; Student  
Council 4; Basketball 1, 2,  
3, 4, (co-captain); Hi-Y 3,  
4 (Pres.); Annual Staff 4;  
Baseball 4, V Pres. Class 2

RITA FRANZ

SSS 1, 2; GAA 1; Mirror  
Staff 4; Home Ec. Club 4  
(Treas.) Chorus 4.

THELMA GREEK

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4 (Treas.)  
Home Ec. Club 3, 4  
Chorus 4.

JOYCE HOCKETT

GAA 1, 2 (Pres.) Chorus  
2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Stu-  
dent Council 2; Annual  
Staff 4; Mirror Staff 4;  
Cheerleader 3; SSS 1.

KENNETH HOMIER

Chorus 4; Band 2, 3, Hi-Y  
4; Operator of Movie Ma-  
chine 2, 3, 4; FAA 1, 2.



KENNETH JONES

DOROTHY KEILMAN

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4 (V. Pres.)  
Chorus 3, 4; Jr. Red Cross  
4; Home Ec. Club 3, 4  
(Vice Pres.) Mirror Staff 4

CORINNE HOPPE

Low Wallace 1, 2; GAA 1;  
Girls Glee Club 2; Girl Re-  
serves; Junior Play; Mirror  
Staff 4; Home Ec. Club 3,  
4; Jr. Red Cross 4.

ESTHER KATRENICS

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; SSS 1, 2,  
3, 4; Home Ec. Club 3, 4.



# 1944



## Seniors

### MARY JO KOMASINSKI

Operetta 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Junior Play 3; GAA 3, 4; Mirror Staff 4; Home Ec. Club 4.

### GLENNA LAUER

Forum Club 1, 2; Sophomore Play 3; Operetta 1, 2; Student Council (V. Pres.); Red Cross; Girl Reserves 1, 2; Library Club 2; Mirror Editor 4; George Rogers

Clark 1, 2; Poetry Club; Debate 1, 2; Speech 1, 2; Latin Club 1, 2; Biology Club 2; Junior Play 3; GAA 1; Dramatic Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4.

### CECELIA KRIETER

SSS 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4 (Sec.); Chorus 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 3, 4; Mirror Staff 4.

### MARIAN LENNERTZ

GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4; SSS 1, 2, 3; Home Ec. Club 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Sec.-Treas. Class 3; Mirror Staff 4.

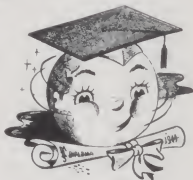


### RICHARD LENTZ

Hi-Y 3, 4; Mirror Staff 4.

### MARJORIE MAIHOFFER

Home Ec. Club 3, 4; SSS 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3; Chorus 3, 4.



### MILDRED NELSON

SSS 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 4.

### ROLAND PISKE

Hi-Y 4; FFA 1, 2.

### ERMA JEAN PHILLIPS

SSS 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 4 (Sec.)

### MARJORIE REED

Mirror Staff 4; Editor of Annual 4; Chorus 3, 4; SSS 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; GAA 1, 2 (Sec.); Home Ec. Club 4.



## Class of

# Seniors



ANDREW SOKOL

Mirror Staff 4; FAA 1, 2

MARY RUTH  
TAYLOR

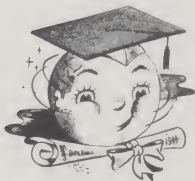
Creal Springs High School  
1, 2; Marion High School  
3; Mirror Staff 4; Annual  
Staff 4; Senior Reporter,  
SSS 4; Home Ec. 4.

CAROL SMITH

SSS 1, 2, Jr. Red Cross 4,  
Mirror Staff 4; Home Ec.  
Club 4.

SHIRLEY  
STOCKWELL

SSS 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1, 2;  
Jr. Red Cross 4 (Pres.);  
Annual Staff 4, Student  
Council 4.



FRANK THOMAS

Hi-Y 4; Mirror Staff

LYLE THOMAS

Hi-Y 3, 4 (V. Pres.)



KENNETH WALTERS

Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2,  
3.

FAYE ELLEN VAROS

GAA 1, 2; Home Ec. 3, 4;  
Cheer Leader 3; Annual  
Staff 4; Chorus 3, 4; Tol-  
leston School 1, 2; Booster  
Club 1, 2.

MARJORIE  
TOWNSLEY

Chorus 2, 3, 4; SSS 3, 4;  
Home Ec. 3, 4; Junior Play  
1

FRANK WILLY

Hi-Y 4; Annual Staff (Ass't  
Ed.) 4; Junior Play 3.

# 1944



## CLASS WILL

(Each of the below mentioned articles are surrendered unconditionally.)

We, the demobilized graduating class of the year 1944, being of dilapidated body and implausible mind, do hereby ordain and establish the last will and testament of said class, and do sanction said will and testament as the final official document of said class.

To Ed Shipley goes the mechanical vehicle of Bill Adank. Jack Ayers leaves his towels to the lad who gets to throw them in next year and Doris Baldner bequeaths her rendezvous in the hall to the one best qualified to take over.

To Joe Chetnick goes the scouting ability of Lorne Belcher. Some less fortunate lass may profit by the bequeathal of Eauna Beneak's well trained hair. Donna Bush leaves her small feet to Jean Marie York.

The long finger nails of Virginia Christoff are left to Marie Roy and Richard Clark leaves the school to those who must stay.

Douglas Benoit leaves his peroxide to Jim Stevens and, to keep it in the family, Gloria Benoit receives Eleanor Fossey's red hair.

Rita Franz bequeaths her big brown eyes to Mary Jane Miller. Beth Gable leaves her D.A.R. award to some enterprising junior. From Dick Henderson to Claude Sangster goes good times in Miss Callis's class. To Ellen O'Brien goes Joyce Hockett's ability to dance. Kenneth Homerier leaves his tactfulness to Walter Semplinski. Corinne Hoppe leaves her ability to write and receive letters from Purdue to Hazel Robinson.

The bashfulness of Kenneth Jones is left to Peter Hecimovich and the job of cashier goes from Esther Katrenics to Muriel Smith. Dorothy Keiman bequeaths her ability to change her hair do to Mary McKnight. Nancy Kleinschmidt leaves her ambulance driving to Fred Schilling. The quietness of Mary Jo Komaskinski is willed to Dorothy Badovich.

Cecilia Krieter bequeaths her sports ability to Bob Schlobohm. To Charlotte Clark from Glenna Lauer goes a love for the finer things in life. To Marian Lennertz's sister goes her ability to get the family car. Richard Lentz wills his typing ability to Patsy Kelly.

Evelyn Maihofer bequeaths her smile to Frances Tieman. To Fred Titley goes the remarkable basketball ability of Robert Metcalf.

Roland Piske bequeaths his blonde hair to Tony Alvarez. Marjorie Reed wills her ability to hold a man to the junior who needs it most. Carol Smith leaves her reserved manner to Dan Carlos.

From Andrew Sokol to Jack Springer go two number twelves. Shirley Stockwell's engagement ring is left to Jean Demmon and Bill Metcalf. To Marjorie Meyers is left Mary Ruth Taylor's unique ability to get in the wrong place at the right time.

Frank Thomas leaves his physique to Don Tonegal. Lyle Thomas gives his height to Rip Ford. Marjorie Townsley wills her singing ability to Albert Sederey. To Ralph Kleinsorge goes Kenny Walters' air-mindedness.

Chuck Ready is bequeathed Frank Willy's vocal aspirations. Faye Yaros wills her jitter-bugging ability to Jim Ayers. Thelma Greek's ability to get cute Marines is left to Lillian Davies. The bookkeeping ability of Marjorie Maihofer is bequeathed to Demetra Davison.

The above will, having been signed and sealed, is to be considered the last desires of the class for the disposal of their many and varied assets. The recipients are expected to utilize these gifts to the best of their ability. Those favored are hereby appointed the executives of this last will and testament.

Witnesses:

GLENN LAUER  
MARY RUTH TAYLOR

Sealed: MARJORIE ELLEN REED

# Juniors



MARY  
McKNIGHT



EDWARD  
SHIPLEY



MURIEL  
SMITH



RALPH  
KLEINSORGE

## JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

The graduates of 1945 have just completed the busiest year thus far in their high school life. In the year 1941 the class started off on the right foot by electing the following class officers: President Beth Gable, Vice-President Edward Lahaie, Secretary Mary McKnight, and Treasurer Jean Demmon. The able assistance of Mr. McAllister was invaluable as the class discovered many problems confronting them.

During this year we held a "Hard Times Party." Many members of the class bought their sweaters and we voted that the colors of our division be blue and gold. In our sophomore year the American Beauty Rose was chosen as our class flower. Kenneth Catlow was elected president of the class with Edward Shipley, John Sabo, and Marjorie Meyer completing the executive board. The class enjoyed two very successful parties.

In September of this year we elected, as did the seniors, a girl for class president. Mary McKnight was aided by Edward Shipley, Ralph Kleinsorge, and Muriel Smith. We worked industriously on the War Bond Drive and boosted the Magazine Subscription Drive that the high school carried on during the month of February. Miss Anna Peters and Miss Olive Wood were the capable sponsors of the class this year. We are looking forward to an even bigger year when we make our final plans for graduation.

## Juniors



*Top Row*—Anthony Alvarez, Gloria Benoit, Leona Burris, Joe Carlos, Kenneth Catlow, Joe Chetnik.

*Second Row*—Charlotte Clark, Margaret Cooper, Dametra Davison, Jean Demon, Ralph Doffin, Elwood Erickson.

*Third Row*—Ralph Ford, William Fossey, Maymie Gernenz, James Goodwin, James Hall, Katherine Herr.

*Fourth Row*—Kenneth Hollingshead, Leslie Homeier, Joan Johnson, Velma Keeney, Patsy Kelly, Zola Livers.

## Juniors



*Top Row*—George Mekola, William Metcalf, Marjorie Meyer, Helen Mikulich, Louise Price, Charles Ready.

*Second Row*—Hazel Robinson, Marie Roy, John Sabo, Claude Sangster, William Sargent, Willard Schafer.

*Third Row*—Robert Schlobohm, Walter Semplinski, Jack Springer, James Stevens, Cecil Stowers, Bernard Thomas.

*Fourth Row*—Frances Tiemann, Jean Ann Tignor, June Titley, Roy Watts, Ruth Welches, Catherine Willy.

*Absent*: Frank Rogas, Peter Hecimovich.

## Sophomores



*First Row*—V. Stokes, D. Thomas, L. Foust, L. Yaros, D. Badovich, L. Armitage, M. Niles, B. Huelster, and A. Schmidt.

*Second Row*—S. Witham, M. Weiler, J. M. York, J. Neiner, D. M. Davis, K. Sanders, F. Shipley, D. Dennington, M. E. Griffin, E. Henrichs, and E. Doepping.

*Third Row*—F. Rigby, J. Ayers, R. Wyatt, J. Collins, B. Wadell, N. Krisko, H. Lines, C. Hugueley, R. Lauer, and S. Rigby.



*First Row*—D. Borman, B. Conner, and F. Kazimer.

*Second Row*—M. J. Miller, J. Carlos, G. Franz, and S. Davids.

*Third Row*—A. Sedery, M. White, R. Wehner, and Art Veddar.

*First Row*—M. Engstrom, F. Smith, M. Erickson, D. M. Blaze, J. Kwasny, L. Lennertz, E. O'Brien, and J. Lines.

*Second Row*—R. Schlobohm, R. Kraft, J. Roll, L. Schwall, R. Fleck, D. Jenkins, N. Harms, and B. Franko.

*Third Row*—J. Kuntz, R. Kloth, G. Thompson, B. Christoff, F. Schilling, L. Alexander, and G. Covaciu.

*Fourth Row*—J. McGovern, T. Smith, P. Hayden, D. Tonagel, and G. Nearing.





# Freshmen



*First Row*—L. Alexander, R. Coffman, T. Downs, E. Herr, D. Chetnick, and R. Berger.

*Second Row*—R. Belcher, R. Jacobus, A. Klassen, S. McNair, S. Müller, and A. Grenenz.

*Third Row*—H. Karsten, E. Benoit, and B. Bowers.

*Fourth Row*—L. Burkhardt, F. Tittley, W. Wise, A. Krieter, J. Pumroy, W. Thompson, and R. Harrigan.



*First Row*—A. Smith, P. Saager, J. Fielier, E. Klassen, and E. Verga.

*Second Row*—L. Kleinsorge, M. Slingsby, A. Strusa, and E. Tiemann.

*Third Row*—A. Homeier, C. Peterson, P. Foust, M. Stockwell, C. Grenenz, and L. Mitchell.

*Fourth Row*—N. Saager, C. Millick, J. Frazure, D. Crouch, J. Woodland, B. Merrill and C. Smith.

*First Row*—E. Davis, N. Ready, M. J. Lester, S. Smith, D. Chiado, and M. Smith.

*Second Row*—A. Willy, P. Jenkins, P. Newcomb, R. Jones, L. Schiesser, and R. Franz.

*Third Row*—J. Katrenics, E. Yager, V. Kaiser, W. Johnson, and S. Surber.

*Fourth Row*—N. Cochran, B. Cummings, J. B. Rice, D. Carlos, F. O'Donnell, L. Bargeldt, A. Hollingshead, E. Christie, and R. Adler.



## BY THESE BOOKS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

Bill Adank	<i>Peck's Bad Boy</i>
Frances Alexander	<i>A Lady of Quality</i>
Jack Ayers	<i>Success In Reserve</i>
Doris Baldner	<i>Two Way Passage</i>
Lorne Belcher...	<i>Last of the Great Scouts</i>
Eauna Beneake	<i>Getting Along With People</i>
Donna Mae Bush	<i>All This and Heaven, Too</i>
Virginia Christhoff	<i>A Lot of Talk</i>
Richard Clark,	
Dick Henderson	<i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>
Douglas Benoit	<i>When a Man's a Man</i>
Eleanor Fossey	<i>Here I Stay</i>
Rita Franz.....	<i>The Eyes Have It</i>
Beth Gable.....	<i>Sister of the Angels</i>
Joyce Hockett...	<i>Omnibus of Romance</i>
Kenneth Homeier	<i>Help Wanted, Female</i>
Corrinne Hoppe,	
Nancy Kleinschmidt,	
Glenna Lauer.....	<i>Our Hearts Were Young and Gay</i>
Kenneth Jones	<i>Rip Van Winkle</i>
Esther Katrenics	<i>No Past Is Dead</i>
Dorothy Keilman...	<i>The Following of the Star</i>
Mary Jo Komaskinski	<i>The Fun of It</i>
Cecelia Krieter....	<i>Let Us Be Gay</i>
Marion Lennertz...	<i>She Strives To Conquer</i>
Richard Lentz.....	<i>Adventures of a Modest Man</i>
Evelyn Maihofer...	<i>Art In Every Day Life</i>
Marjorie Read,	
Robert Metcalf.....	<i>The Real Thing</i>
Mildred Nelson	<i>The Threshold of Quiet</i>
Erma Jean Phillips	<i>From the Land of Silent People</i>
Roland Piske.....	<i>How To Live</i>
Carol Smith.....	<i>Far From the Madding Crowd</i>
Andrew Sokol.....	<i>Man of Iron</i>
Shirley Stockwell	<i>Lieutenant's Lady</i>
Mary Ruth Taylor	<i>Past Imperfect</i>
Frank Thomas.....	<i>Longshanks</i>
Lyle Thomas.....	<i>The Humorist</i>
Marjorie Townsley	<i>Forever Free</i>
Kenneth Walters	<i>Leader of the Wolf Patrol</i>
Frank Willy.....	<i>Laughing Boy</i>
Faye Ellen Yaros...	<i>A Young Man's Fancy</i>
Marjorie Maihofer...	<i>No Surrender</i>

## "NOW IT CAN BE TOLD"

Since "The Reckoning" has arrived "Now It Can Be Told" of "The Turmoil" of "The Years In Paradise" during "These Changing Years" at "The House of Many Tongues."

Since December 7, 1941, we have tried to learn "How To Live" "On Borrowed Time." Our "Guiding Light," "Roughly Speaking," was a good "Companion" and showed us how to "Laugh and Learn."

We may have led the "Lives of The Hunted," but "Soldiers of Fortune" are "Forever Free." Now that we have made our "Escape," many of us are asking "What Shall I Do With My Life?"

The "Never To Be Forgotten" "Thundering Herd" made their "Night Flight" to the "House By The Side of The Road" where "Songs For Youth" made it a "Mirthful Haven."

The "Jungle Pirates," with "Strong Hearts and Bold," needed no "S. O. S." as they "Followed the Ball" to "Glorious Adventure." They took advantage of "The Lights That Failed" and, with "No Surrender" at the "Christmas" tournament, captured "Our Shining Chance."

With "So Little Time" we will have to say "And Now Goodbye." "Since Yesterday" the "Age of Innocence" have traded their "Light Heart" and their "Mirror of Youth" for the "Spirit of Service" in "Tomorrow's World." "Always In Our Hearts" we will march "Down the Roadway" "Reaching For The Stars" with "The Torch of Liberty" ever before us.

"And Now Tomorrow" . . . . .

## HELPFUL HINTS

<i>House of Many Tongues.</i>	Merrillville High
<i>Guiding Light</i>	Mr. York
<i>Thundering Herd</i>	Merrillville Students
<i>House By The Side of The Road.</i>	Broadway Bar-B-Q
<i>Jungle Pirates.</i>	Ball Team
<i>The Lights That Failed.</i>	Ball Teams That Lost
<i>Our Shining Chance</i>	Winning the Trophy

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 First session of Merrillville High School.
- 13 Student Council Election. Clark wins over Lauer.
- 17 Beginning of Bond Drive.

### OCTOBER

- 1 Basketball practice begins promisingly.
- 1 Student Council sponsors all-school party, our pals!
- 5 First meeting of Student Council.
- 12 "Get acquainted" party—Hi-Y and SSS get together for a good time.
- 20 Dude-Drag-Inn—Senior Dance with fun had by all.
- 21-22 At liberty—no school—Teachers' Institute.
- 25-28 Senior help issue ration book No. 4 as patriotic duty.

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Bob Hope performs before M.H.S. in "Caught in the Draft" on the screen.
- 5 First basketball game—with East Gary—Metcalf is hero, makes winning f.g.—31-29.
- 10 Hi-Y holds impressive induction ceremony.
- 11 Salute to Freedom—Armistice Day—Service plaque presentation by Julia Smith, member of class of '43.
- 17 "Professor How Could You?" Junior play goes off with a bang.
- 18 SSS has formal initiation during activity period.
- 23 GAA bayride—still picking hayseed out of our hair.
- 25-26 Thanksgiving vacation—time out to eat and recuperate.

### DECEMBER

- 3 Bad beginning of new month—first basketball defeat by Griffith 28-27.
- 21 A successful Christmas play by Student Council under direction of Miss Boyd.
- 22 Hi-Y Christmas dance added to the festivities of the season.
- 23 St. Nick on his way—two days to wait and a week to rest.

### JANUARY

- 2 School resumes and a new year begins—this is 1944.
- 7 Alumni are rusty in game—Pirates show them with 64-24.
- 14 Everybody anxiously awaits exams??
- 17 Whew, we made it—new semester starts.
- 20 M.H.S. Host at Golden Nugget Nite Club at Y M.C.A. in Gary.

### FEBRUARY

- 4 Fun on wheels at Sophomore skating party.
- 4 Ping Pong Tournament closes with Bob Metcalf final Champion over Scbilling.
- 9 Home Ec. and Hi-Y members meet to discuss their problems.
- 24-25-27 Sectionals in Hammond.

### MARCH

- 8 Interclass basketball tournament sponsored by Hi-Y.
- 22 "Well Fargo" movie is presented.

### APRIL

- 7 Good Friday is celebrated.
- 12 "Stanley and Livingstone" movie on the screen.

### MAY

- 3 Story of Alexander Graham Bell is shown in movie.
- 8-12 Final exams.
- 12 Junior-Senior Prom.
- 14 Serious thoughts—Baccalaureate Service.
- 18 Life begins—Commencement exercises.
- 19 School closes—good-bye, Seniors—Good-bye, everybody.

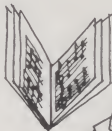




G.A.A.



Merrillville High School is noted for its wide and varied activity program. Some organizations provide entertainment and relaxation; others actually train the students in war time fields; all provide wholesome participation, student fellowship, and opportunities for developing specific talents. Each morning a forty-minute extra-curricular period is included in the schedule to accommodate the needs of the various clubs and organizations. On the next few pages is our review of reviews.



CHORUS

HOME EC.

## STUDENT COUNCIL



*Seated*—Dick Henderson, Reporter; Nancy Kleinschmidt, Secretary; Richard Clark, President; Glenna Lauer, Vice-President; Lois Foust, Treasurer.

*Standing*—Marjorie Reed, Euana Beneake, Fred Titley, Mr. York, Shirley Stockwell, Mary McKnight, Eleanor Fossey, and Evelyn Maihofer.

We have seen the United States of America become united almost overnight in the struggle for Victory. We have witnessed previous to Pearl Harbor just how a group of people, no matter how good their intentions, could become lax and careless even with the potentialities of a great nation. Good intentions never won a war! Just so in high school, without unity, without some definite group to assume the various tasks that are to be completed at a specified time, without someone to bring up, discuss and dissolve the current issues, no student body can progress.

After a week of campaigning Richard Clark beat Glenna Lauer in the student election held in September. The other officers assisting were Glenna Lauer, Vice President; Nancy Kleinschmidt, Secretary; and Louis Faust, Treasurer. The class presidents, the presidents of each organized club in school along with the editors of the "Mirror" and the "Merrillvue" staffs are members of the council. Mr. York is present to give constructive advice and guidance representative of the teachers.

We met every Tuesday morning, regardless of the many interruptions that happen every day when dealing with hundreds of human beings all working eight hour shift, many with overtime. These sessions were brought to order and then the debating became hot, luke warm, or cool, depending on the importance of the issue at stake. These problems concerned everything from buying megaphones for the cheerleaders, getting a magician, and buying juke box records to dedicating our beautiful servicemen's plaque, putting our \$3000 War Bond Drive over the top and helping to organize the \$1500 Magazine Drive. The council is a purely democratic organization which we are proud to have at the top of the list of our many activities.

## THE MIRROR



*Seated*—Nancy Kleinschmidt, Marjorie Reed, Glenna Lauer, Carol Smith.

*Standing*—Marian Lennertz, Cecelia Krieter, Donna Mae Bush, Joyce Hockett, Rita Franz, Andrew Sokol, Corinne Hoppe, Frank Thomas, Miss Knoche, Richard Lentz, Dorothy Keilman, Mary Jo Komaskinski, Mary Ruth Taylor, Eleanor Fossey, Jack Woodland, and Evelyn Maihofer.

"Freedom of Speech" is exercised by this organization for the purpose of uniting the students in thought, word, and deed. It has been the plan of the "Mirror's" publications to portray life at Merrillville by keeping up with the activities and social events during the school year.

In the process of going to press bi-monthly the following people could be seen hurrying about collecting interesting bits of news: Glenna Lauer was our very capable editor, and Carol Smith was her assistant; Marjorie Reed had the task of writing an editorial column; Joyce Hockett was Society Editor; Mary Ruth Taylor and Evelyn Maihofer, Feature Editors; Jack Woodland, Art Editor; Business Manager, Marian Lennertz; Editors of Sports, Andy Sokol and Frank Thomas; Jokes, Dorothy Keilman; Gossip, Nancy Kleinschmidt; Typists, Richard Lentz, Cecelia Krieter, Eleanor Fossey, and Corinne Hoppe; Mimeographers, Donna Mae Bush and Rita Franz; Proofreader, Mary Jo Komaskinski.

We correspond with other schools, and copies of the "Mirror" are sent regularly to students now in the Service.

Our rating as a newspaper is "A" as was last year's and as a whole the year was very successful.

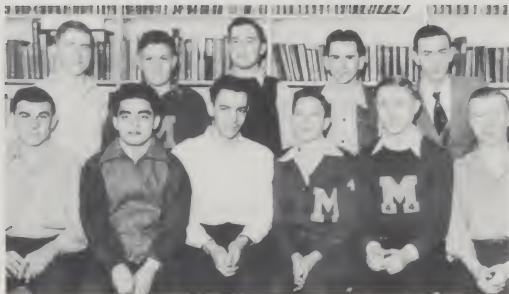
## HI-Y

*Officers*—Mr. Boettner, Sponsor; Jack Ayers, Treasurer; Richard Clark, Chaplain; Dick Henderson, President; Robert Metcalf, Sgt. at Arms; Lyle Thomas, Vice-President; Ed Shipley, Secretary.

The Hi-Y in our school has been working over-time to make school life more interesting. The activities have been both functional and recreational. In the early part of the school year, the new members of Hi-Y were suggested by the active members, approved by the teachers and announced to the student body. At an impressive candle-light ceremony the officers of Hi-Y installed new members. At the time of this induction, Dick Henderson was president; Lyle Thomas, vice president; Kenneth Walter, secretary; Jack Ayers, treasurer; Richard Clark, chaplain; and Robert Metcalf was sergeant-at-arms. Since that time, Kenneth Walter has gone to the Army Air Corps and Ed Shipley has been elected secretary. George Boettner is the sponsor of the organization.



## MEMBERS



*Seated*—Bill Adank, Frank Rogas, Bernard Thomas, William Metcalf, Roland Piske, and Kenneth Homeier.

*Standing*—Richard Lentz, Willard Schafer, Frank Willy, Ralph Kleinsorge, and Frank Thomas.

In an effort to aid in beautifying the school, the club painted the cafeteria during Thanksgiving vacation. The boys fixed the score-board in the gym so that it would be possible for spectators at the games to "know the score." In order that people might find the school more easily, the sign on Broadway was repainted.

To provide recreational activity for the student body, several "sock-dances" have been sponsored by Hi-Y. The Christmas dance was a Hi-Y project and was a most successful one. The novel arrangement of a lighted Christmas tree in the middle of the floor attracted the attention of the dancers. An Invitational party was held in January with a variety of entertainment including ping pong, card games, checkers, Chinese checkers, and dancing. Refreshments were served late in the evening. Also in January, the Hi-Y and the Sunshine Society went into Gary to the Y.M.C.A. to take charge of the evening's entertainment at the "Golden Nugget," a high school recreational center.

The club meetings are held once a week during activity period. State and national affiliation helps the Hi-Y members to make plans. A district convention in South Bend, Indiana, attended by a group of our Hi-Y members, proved to be interesting and a stimulation to activity in our group.

## SUNSHINE SOCIETY



*First Row*—Helen Mikulich, Jean Ann Tignor, Betty Huelster, Mary Ellen Griffin, Frances Kazimer-Secretary, Eleanor Fossey-President, Euana Beneake-Treasurer, June Titley-Vice-President, Nancy Kleinschmidt, and Dametra Davison.

*Second Row*—Erma Phillips, Frances Tiemann, Jane Roll, Margaret Niles, Leona Hogan, Donna Blaze, Gloria Benoit, LaVerne Lennertz, Shirley Smith, and Marjorie Reed.

*Third Row*—Mildred Nelson, Marjorie Meyer, Muriel Smith, Mary Jane Miller, Laura Yaros, Marilyn Erickson, Joan Johnson, Beth Gable, Charlotte Clark, Hazel Robinson, and Leona Burris.

*Fourth Row*—Jean Marie York, Evelyn Maihofer, Frances Shipley, Mary McKnight, Maymie Gernenz, Rosalie Fleck, Adele Homeier, Shirley Stockwell, Esther Katrenics, Cecelia Krieter, and Marjorie Townsley.

The Sunshine Society is a state-wide organization for high school girls. The creed of the club states its purpose much better than we could put it into words. "With love in my heart, forgetting self, and with charity for all, I will make the object of my life, helpfulness and kindness to others. I shall try to fit myself to give intelligent service in making my community a safer and more beautiful place in which to live. Thus will my own life become rich and complete.

The colors are yellow and white; the song, "My Sunshine Girl"; the flower, yellow rose; and the emblem is "The Sun." The theme this year was "Stepping Stones to Peace." A Get-Acquainted Party, the annual Christmas card sale and a style show in the Band Carnival kept the members busy in the fall; and a Valentine party, an activities program, and the state convention in the Claypool Hotel at Indianapolis made an active program during the spring.

Miss Frances Lutz is the sponsor of the club and this year's officers were: Eleanor Fossey, President; June Titley, Vice President; Frances Kazimer, Secretary; Euana Beneake, Treasurer; and Dametra Davison, program chairman. The members are looking forward to attending the Summer Sunshine Camp and other various activities for the rest of 1944.

## G.A.A.



*First Row*—Gloria Benoit, Muriel Smith, Euana Beneake-President, Dorothy Keilman, Cecelia Kreiter, and Thelma Greek.

*Second Row*—Velma Keeney, Mary Jo Komasinski, Virginia Christoff, Esther Katrenics, and Eleanor Fossey.

*Third Row*—Nancy Kleinschmidt, Jean Demmon, Mary McKnight, Marjorie Meyer, Marian Lennertz, and Donna Mae Bush.

The Girl's Athletic Association is a nation-wide organization of high school girls interested in the participation of sports. In such a club, the principle of a "sound mind in a sound body" is the predominant idea. By participating in games and various sports, a better code of living is achieved and we learn sportsmanship and the necessity for quick, accurate thinking. This knowledge can be carried over into all school and home activities.

G.A.A. meetings are held twice a month. This year, our meetings have been efficiently presided over by Euana Beneake, our president. She has been assisted by Dorothy Keilman, vice president; Muriel Smith, secretary; Thelma Greek, treasurer; Cecilia Kreiter, recording secretary; and Gloria Benoit, reporter.

A hay ride was the first social function in the fall. We had a grand time climbing on and falling off the hay rack. We also sponsored a ping pong tournament for the girls of the high school interested in this game.

Sweaters were awarded to Cecilia Kreiter, Esther Katrenics, Virginia Christoff, Thelma Greek, Euana Beneake, Dorothy Keilman, and Marion Lennertz. Sweaters are awarded to those girls who make 500 points or more.

## JR. G.A.A.



*First Row*—D. Dennington, V. Stokes, D. Thomas, M. J. Lester, E. Herr, and T. Downs.

*Second Row*—P. Foust, P. Jenkins, D. Borman, B. Connor, L. Kleinsorge, M. Smith, and M. Slingsby.

*Third Row*—S. McNair, D. Blaze, M. E. Griffin, M. Niles, L. Hogan, L. Schwall, L. Foust, and F. Herrick.

*Fourth Row*—F. Shipley, L. Lennertz, M. Erickson, J. M. York, R. Fleck, J. Roll, D. M. Davis, and C. Drossos.

## JR. RED CROSS EXECUTIVES



*Seated*—Beth Gable, Secretary-Treasurer; Shirley Stockwell, President; and Frances Kazimer, Vice-President.

*Standing*—John Hoffmeister, Reporter; Miss McClure and Mrs. Carlton, Sponsors.

## MERRILLVILLE GOES TO WAR

We serve . . . . .

Merrillville High School continues with the fight for right. We know that those serving in the armed forces are the ones who are making this annual and all creative endeavors possible. On the home front, the fighting Pirates are doing their part to back their friends at the front and bring them home as soon as possible.

Coach Engelhart has been conducting commando courses in the boys' athletic department since school began this year. The Merrillville band, student and guest speakers commemorated Armistice day. The plaque which was the gift of the class of 1943, with the names of ninety former MHS students now serving in the service of their country was dedicated in a very impressive and memorable assembly of students, parents, faculty, and friends.

The students and teachers gave long hours of valuable time to help with the rationing system which our government has organized. Our Bond Drive, the inspiration of Mr. Boettner, who had received a challenging letter from an army nurse in Italy was supported by most of the citizens of this community. The "Mirror" ran articles and pictures covering the war, the addresses of service men, and guest editorials written by various students.

The need became so apparent for a Jr. Red Cross that a club was organized with forty-five active members. The president was Shirley Stockwell, who was aided by Frances Kazimer, Beth Gable, and John Hoffmeister. Their goal is "service." The club sponsored a waste paper drive and a campaign to collect old clothing. Various committees worked on community service.

The seniors go to join the gigantic fight, but they realize that they are leaving a school in capable hands and with willing workers. Until that unconditional surrender and lasting peace for our community and the millions of communities throughout the world.

WE SERVE . . . . .

## BAND



*First Row*—P. Knoop, P. Jacobus, R. Lauer, S. Rigby, J. Snyder, and P. Knoop.

*Second Row*—D. Magnuson, Y. Davis, B. Borman, R. Spiroff, R. Henrichs, W. Johnson, H. Mikulich, L. Burkhart, P. Mitchell, J. Pollack, C. Garnier, and D. Henrichs.

*Third Row*—J. M. York, E. Prott, R. Harrigan, R. Jacobus, R. Wyatt, W. Egbert, J. Johnson, Mrs. Patterson, J. Chetnik, A. Alvarez, R. Welches, F. Titley, W. Bowers, S. Surber, and A. Hollingshead.

## CHORUS



*First Row*—E. O'Brien, L. Varos, J. Johnson, N. Kleinschmidt, L. Lennertz, D. Dennington, D. Blaze, C. Krieter, and Velma Keeney.

*Second Row*—L. Armitage, D. Badavich, C. Gernenz, F. Herrick, M. Engstrom, R. Franz, F. Popp, S. Smith, C. Drossos, and M. Meyers.

*Third Row*—M. Stockwell, F. Varos, L. Mitchell, M. Maihofer, M. Roy, T. Greek, D. Davis, J. York, and J. Demmon.

*Fourth Row*—R. Wyatt, J. Pumroy, A. Sedery, C. Hugueley, G. Nearing, D. Tonagel, C. Ready and S. Rigby.

## HOME ECONOMICS CLUB



*First Row*—Rita Franz, Marian Lennertz, Marjorie Reed, and Dorothy Keilman, Vice-Pres.  
*Second Row*—Erma Jean Phillips, Sec.-Treas.; Miss Knoop and Mrs. Wilson, Sponsors; and Evelyn Maihofer, President.  
*Standing*—Thelma Greek, Joyce Hockett, Marjorie Townsley, Nancy Kleinschmidt, Euana Beneake, Glenna Lauer, Corinne Hoppe, Donna Mae Bush, and Mildred Nelson.

With the great expansion that took place in our new Home Economics Department there came the demand for a club to be composed of girls who were interested in many different fields that a student of Home economics can delve into. During the second term, therefore, a club was organized with Evelyn Maihofer, President; Dorothy Keilman, Vice-President; Erma Jean Phillips, Secretary; and Rita Franz, Treasurer. Marian Lennertz was the club reporter and Marjorie Maihofer was program chairman. Mrs. Raymond Wilson and Miss Dorothy Knoop were the able sponsors of the club.

Membership was limited to junior and senior girls who had had one year of home economics. The club motto was "Excelsior" meaning always higher. The aim of the club was to achieve happier and better living on a higher plane. A charter and constitution were drawn up in which these principles were included.

This club was responsible for beginning the many successful after supper discussions which were held for the boys and girls with the helpful cooperation of Mr. Boettner and Mrs. Wilson. Other discussions were held on various topics such as "Grooming," "Proper Clothing," and "Posture." The girls were urged to work on their individual projects; thus originality and initiative were developed. The club soon justified our new home economics department and will continue to prove its worth in the years to come.





# Athletics



COACH EDWARD ENGELHART

The Merrillville Pirates have been unusually successful in the field of athletics this year, and we are justly proud of them. They have been victorious in track, baseball and basketball.

Although the slate was not a perfect one, we have seen our boys conquer heretofore invincible teams and they have been second only to Griffith when a basketball team comparison was made.

Through the cooperation of Coach Engelhart and our basketball players we were able to secure for the first time the trophy awarded to the winning team in the "Little Five" Invitational Holiday Tourney at Crown Point.

The trophy, the winning of which will long be remembered, is pictured above in the arms of our coach who has been responsible for the success of our team to a great extent. He has aroused in the boys a spirit of clean sportsmanship and a desire to be winners, and they will not fail him as long as this spirit prevails.

As this season draws to a close we regret to remember that Bob Metcalf, Dick Henderson, and Richard Clark will turn their shoes over to their followers and trust them to fill them successfully.

It has been a great year for a great team and a great coach, and we will look forward to many more similar seasons as the athletic history of Merrillville High School continues to be made.



DICK HENDERSON

(Co-captain)

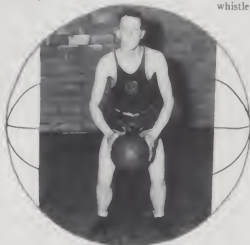
A great defensive guard who through his speed proved it in the "Holiday Tourney."



RICHARD CLARK

(Co-captain)

The best rebound artist on the team who never gave up until the final whistle had sounded.



BOB METCALF

Our sharpshooting forward whose ability brought him the highpoint honors for the team for three successive seasons.



JACK AYERS

Student Mgr.

Always behind them.

KENNY CATLOW

His spectacular shooting kept everybody guessing while he helped to pull up the score when most needed.



BERNIE THOMAS

His ability to keep fighting when the going was tough proved him to be a daring Pirate.





### BILL METCALF

His skill for making long shots from mid-court kept us in suspense as he proved his worth to the team

### JIM MCGOVERN

We recognize his up-and-coming Pirate characteristics which will prove valuable in coming seasons.



### RIP FORD

As tallest man on the team he exercised his ability to get the high ones off the back-board.

### FRITZ SCHILLING

An all-around valuable man to the team who did his best no matter how the odds were stacked.

### GEORGE MEKOLA

A fighting Pirate who was ready when needed to fight for victory.



Merrillville Wins 'Little Five' Crown First Time

**LITTLE FIVE**  
Final  
Merrittville, 15; Griffiths, 23.  
Semi-Finals  
Merrittville, 43; Hammond  
Catholics, 28.  
Griffiths, 19; Hobart, 13.  
First Round  
Catholics, 19; Hobart, 13.

24: Gary Wirt, 23.  
Merrillville, 55: Lowell, 21.  
York 41: Crown Point, 38.  
East Gary, 41.

... 30 points in three brilliant ball handling plays of Dick Merrilville high captured the



**Pirates**

Forward Bob Mataloff once again led the charge for Pirates as the sledge-horned slugger hit his eighth home run as they hung on to a 4-3 victory over the Braves in the 10th inning at the home of the Pirates on Sunday.

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Merrillville  
a 30-20 defeat  
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for 15 points  
and three free throws.  
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 H. H.

G. L. ...  
 W. L. ...  
 D. L. ...  
 M. L. ...  
 T. L. ...  
 P. L. ...

## Griffith and Merrillville Run 2-Team Calumet Race

NON-CONFERENCE		STANBISH		Op	
	W	L	Pts	W	Pts
Offshore	1	1	440	4	414
Macmillan	0	1	391	1	390
Garry Ediths	0	0	370	0	328
Parsons	4	4	300	0	300
Garry Rosewell	0	4	514	0	414
Garry Wray	4	4	383	0	378
Bank Garry	4	4	340	0	343
Macmillan	4	4	348	0	318
Macmillan	4	4	344	0	344
Macmillan	4	4	371	0	370
Macmillan	4	4	344	0	344
Macmillan	4	4	344	0	344

Robert M. Weir

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
Diamond Control at South Beach  
Catholics

FRIDAY NIGHT  
Diamond Control at South Beach

born  
 1911 in Oak Grove  
 Alameda Co. California

Cross Point at ...  
 East Bay at Wheeler  
 South at Charleston  
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
stead Devils of Lowell, upset competitors last weekend of Griffin, took last Pirates of Merrville, and last night on the latter's home ground and the outcome was a decisive 88-27 victory for the Merrville team.

Merrville turned out one of its hottest scoring games of the season to gain a 26-12 half-time lead and continued pouring it with 16 points in the third quarter and 12 points in the final quarter with Bob and Billy Metcalfe.

Since Pirates scored only 17 points last week, respectability was

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"Pirates"

Coach—Edward Engelhart

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Thomas	4	4
Ford	5	5
Metcalf, B	6	6
Shilling	7	7
Mekole	8	8
McGovern	9	9
Clark	10	10
Catlow	11	11
Henderson	12	12
Schmidt	—	—
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## SCORES

### FIRST TEAM

		<i>We</i>	<i>They</i>
Nov. 5	Edison E. Gary	31	29
Nov. 12	Gary Edison	43	23
Nov. 19	Crown Point	35	27
Nov. 24	Wirt	53	39
Dec. 3	Griffith	27	28
Dec. 8	Gary Roosevelt	49	32
Dec. 10	Edison E. Gary	32	37
Dec. 17	Portage	49	37
Jan. 7	Alumni	64	24
Jan. 14	Edison E. Gary	48	36
Jan. 25	Lowell	59	27
Jan. 28	Crown Point	47	32
Feb. 2	Catholic Central	41	47
Feb. 11	Wheeler		
Feb. 16	Lowell		
Feb. 18	Wirt		
Feb. 22	Dyer		

### HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

		<i>We</i>	<i>They</i>
Dec. 31	Lowell	55	20
Jan. 1	Catholic Central	41	29
Jan. 1	Griffith	25	23

## RESERVES



*First Row*—J. Rice, A. Hollingshead, H. Karston, B. Bowers, L. Bargfeldt, J. Frazier, R. Adler.  
*Second Row*—J. Katrenics, Student Manager; T. Trusha, J. Ayers, B. Waddell, R. Wyatt, B. Wise, D. Crouch, F. Titley, Coach Engelhart.

## JUNIOR HIGH



*First Row*—E. Hammond, G. Brewer, M. Marshall, J. Purcell, J. Wall, R. Thomas.  
*Second Row*—J. Shaver, M. Franz, D. Hess, B. Purcell, Coach Engelhart.

## BASEBALL



*First Row—F. Schilling, B. Thomas, A. Hollingshead, B. Metcalf.*

*Second Row—J. McGovern, R. Metcalf, R. Ford, R. Clark, D. Henderson, Coach Engelhart.*

## LINEUP

Bob Metcalf	Pitcher
Bernard Thomas	Catcher
Ralph Ford ..	First Base
Dick Henderson	Second Base
Fred Schilling	Shortstop
Leslie Bargfeldt	Third Base
Richard Clark	Left Field
Jim McGovern	Center Field
Bill Metcalf .	Right Field
Arthur Hollingshead	Catcher









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